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Re Application of: Anna Pia Catania
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Title: **ANTIMICROBIAL AMINO ACID SEQUENCES DERIVED
FROM ALPHA-MELANOCYTE-STIMULATING HORMONE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application by inserting the following paragraph
before the "Technical Field":

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of commonly owned PCT Patent Application Serial
No. PCT/US00/06917 filed March 17, 2000, which claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 60/126,233 filed March 24, 1999, now abandoned.

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